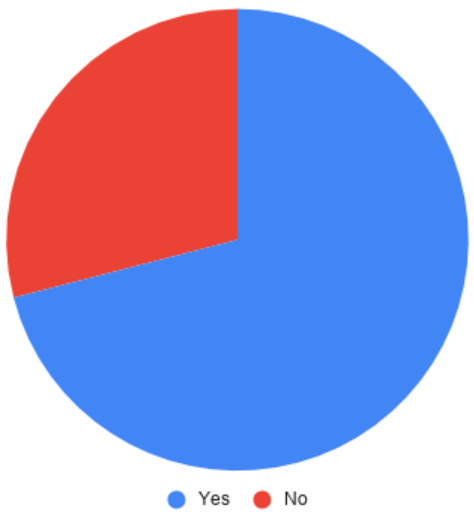
What's Your Opinion?

Last week we asked students whether they thought President Donald Trump should be impeached.

Out of 31 people who responded, here are the results:

22 - Yes, he should be impeached

9 - No, he should not be impeached



Next Week's Poll:

Valentine's Date

For your ideal Valentine's Day date, would you rather go out somewhere or stay at home?

Vote on The Herald's website (theherald.home.blog) to voice your opinion! Polls are also posted on The Herald's Instagram (@astateherald) on Mondays at 4 p.m. Results will be posted in next week's Herald.

For longer versions (with pictures) of these and future articles, visit the Opinion section of The Herald's website.

Winners and Losers of the Iowa Chaos

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As the person who most resembles a political reporter on The Herald's writing staff, I aim to be as well-read about political matters as possible. This is why I went to sleep at 6:30 PM on Monday: now I am more well-rested than every other pundit and wonk (while being equally knowledgeable).

I am writing this now at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, and I will refuse to look at the results until someone forces me to. I will take a page from Biden and trust my gut more than reality.

Losers:

The Democratic Party

It is beginning to seem like they enjoy making fools of themselves. The app that they funded and used to report votes might have completely failed and had its servers crash - and that's the best case scenario. The DNC server hack and healthcare.gov's launch look less like flukes every day. Still, I'm sure they were. If the DNC had one more year to develop the app, I'm sure none of this would have happened.

Vote Blue No Matter Who

It would actually be "Vote blue no matter whom."

Joe Biden

There are two possibilities for Biden right now. One is that his positioning of himself as the "electable" candidate has utterly failed. The other is that the election was hacked and rigged against him. However, this still doesn't look good because it reminds voters that he's an old man who can't effectively use technology.

Iowa

Iowans, like most nocturnal creatures, don't like to have the spotlight on them for too long. This app debacle has done just that, and caused them great amounts of undue stress. Offerings of Slipknot CDs and corn will be necessary in the following weeks to ensure that they stay in the union.

Winners:

Amy Klobuchar

While not anywhere near the front of the pack, Amy is still the best climate change candidate simply based on a technicality - she wants to destroy all carbon-based life.

#YangGang

While Yang doesn't look too favorable in the polls going in, his supporters still prove themselves to be the most tenacious posters to date. The sheer number of pro-Yang tweets in the thirty minutes I was awake for the caucus was impressive.

Bernie Sanders

His campaign has a functional app.

Donald Trump

While it was hard fought, and many believed he couldn't do it, Donald Trump managed to secure 1st place in the republican caucus by a stressfully narrow 95%.

Trying to Wrap My Head Around Mr. Peanut's Resurrection

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I cannot tell a lie, I am not a huge fan of sports. Nothing personal, I'd just rather spend my time reading fanfiction and watching old episodes of "Kitchen Nightmares" and "How It's Made."

But the Super Bowl ads are something even an avid non-watcher of sorts like me cannot ignore. One promotion that has specifically caught my attention is the one done by Planters, who recently killed and subsequently reincarnated their mascot, Mr. Peanut.

Last week, Planters released an ad, titled "Road Trip," in which Mr. Peanut's car, the Nutmobile (*snort*) veered off a cliff, leaving Mr. Peanut, Wesley Snipes and Matt Walsh hanging from a branch over a canyon. Mr. Peanut, in order to save his friends, let go of the branch, falling to his death as he landed on the Nutmobile, which then exploded into a massive fireball.

"We're devastated to confirm that Mr. Peanut is gone," said Planters' Twitter, which at the time was titled "The Estate of Mr. Peanut." "He died doing what he did best - having people's backs when they needed him most. #RIPeanut."

Several other brands jumped at the opportunity to show real, human emotion -- aka promoting their product -- and real people joined in the fun, too. "Always classy, always crunchy, always cleaned up nicely. We'll miss him!" tweeted Mr. Clean. "If this is a scam and they bring Mr. Peanut back from the dead I'm never eating a peanut again," tweeted Twitter user @pixelatedboat. Unfortunately, they were right.

Planters told consumers to tune in to Mr. Peanut's funeral, which would be broadcast during Sunday's Super Bowl. This ad, titled "Tribute," featured the funeral of Mr. Peanut. In attendance were some oddly dressed people (maybe references to their own products - I could be missing something here), along with Mr. Clean and the Kool-Aid Man.

As the funeral director gives Mr. Peanut's eulogy, the Kool-Aid Man begins to cry, and one of his tears falls on the fresh grave of Mr. Peanut. Upon his tear falling, the clouds in the sky open up, and a plant sprouts from the ground, which grows into an infant Mr. Peanut, complete with hat and shoes.

When a funeral goer lifts the baby peanut into the air, the baby makes dolphin noises, before saying, "Just kidding, I'm back!" The funeral director rips apart the eulogy, the funeral goer lifts the baby peanut into the air, Simba-style, and triumphant orchestral music plays.

And then, dear readers, I looked down to the bottom of the ad, where my sweet, virgin eyes caught a glimpse of the name of Planters new mascot: Baby Nut.

I have so many questions. Is the Kool-Aid Man Baby Nut's dad? Why does Baby Nut have an adult man's voice? Are Planters planning on removing any of the saucier ads from their brand Twitter, since it looks really strange to have a Twitter titled Baby Nut posting Tweets that are really weirdly sexual? Why is there already a Baby Nut livestream where Baby Nut does "Fortnite" dances? Does Planters understand the modern connotations of the word "nut," or are they choosing to ignore it?

Baby Nut is cute, I guess. Whatever. Buy some Baby Nut merchandise, give that boot a good licking, wash it down with some Kool-Aid. While this clear attempt to cash in on the popularity of characters like Baby Yoda and Baby Groot isn't going to make me buy or eat any more peanuts than I would normally (which is...not a lot), it's done one thing right -- I'm going to be thinking about this whole mess for weeks to come.



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